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LB 170

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on the bill and on the committee amendments to LB 170. Open for discussion on the committee amendments. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wickersham would move to amend. Senator, AMO381. (Legislative Journal page 637.)

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, to open on your amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, Mr. President, members of the body, as indicated, the committee amendment would change the qualifications for members of TERC indicating that they would no longer have to meet the requirements to be a county assessor, but they would have to meet the requirements to be a...and I get this backward every time. The green copy says that they would have to be a licensed appraiser. The amendment to the committee amendment would suggest that they be a registered appraiser. And, frankly, when we did it we got it backwards, and you can tell that I'm still having trouble getting it right, but the amendment to the committee amendment is right. The licensed appraiser is...we have very few of those in the state, I believe. They have not only requirements for class hours, but they also have extended requirements for field experience, and they have requirements to do appraisal...commit...submit appraisal reports on an annualized basis. We wouldn't have members of TERC doing that. On the other hand, a registered appraiser must complete 75 hours of approved appraisal course work. They have to pass a required examination and have to pay an annual registration fee. We think those are appropriate qualifications. We don't want members of TERC to actually be...to meet the full level of qualifications that you would have to be to be a licensed appraiser. We just simply got it backward in the committee amendment. We think the qualifications for the registered appraisers are appropriate...are appropriate level of expertise on appraisal issues for members of TERC.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Open for